

### REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated December 11, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated March 2, 2004. Claims 29-34, 36-45, 47-53 and 56-60 were pending in this application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 57 is allowed and that claims 36-45, 47-53 and 60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled without prejudice claim 29. Claim 37, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, has been canceled without prejudice and incorporated into independent claim 56. Dependent claim 60 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 30-32 have been amended to now depend from claim 56 in view of the cancellation of claim 29. Claims 36 and 38 have been amended to depend from claim 60. Applicants note that claims 47 -53 depend from allowed claim 57 and, accordingly, should be allowed as well. Claims 39-45 have been amended appropriately to reflect the changes made to claim 56. Claims 58 and 59 now depend from claim 56 in view of the cancellation of claim 29. Favorable reconsideration of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

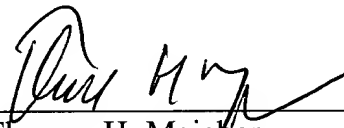
In view of the foregoing, it is respectively urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at 310-824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

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In light of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request that a timely  
Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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